<u>Abstract</u>

The invention relates to a security element (12, 18) with a carrier film (20) and a cover layer (22; 42; 50) applied to the carrier film (20). The cover layer has gaps (24; 30, 32, 34; 44) in the form of characters or patterns forming visually and/or machine readable first information. Additionally, a printed image (26; 36, 38, 40; 46, 48; 52) forming visually and/or machine readable second information is disposed in the gaps (24; 30, 32, 34; 44) in register, the first and second information being different.

Figure 1